

radio unit to commence a handover operation to transfer the call to another base station if at least one of said measured field intensity level and said circuit quality value is below its respective default threshold, and lowers at least one of the default thresholds when the handover operation fails to transfer said call to another base station, as set forth in claim 8.

Additionally, Balachandran fails to disclose a method for controlling transfer of a radio communication signal of a call to a radio communication apparatus from one base station to another base station, comprising the steps of measuring a field intensity level and a circuit quality value of a radio communication signal of a call received from said one base station; comparing either or both of the measured field intensity level and circuit quality value with respective predefined thresholds; commencing a handover operation to transfer said call to another base station if at least one of said measured field intensity level and said circuit quality value is below its respective threshold, and at least a default inhibit time has passed since a last handover operation; determining when said handover operation occurs more than a predefined number of times in a predefined period of time; and when said handover operation occurs more than said predefined number of times within a predefined period of time, lowering at least one of said thresholds, as set forth in claim 18.

Balachandran further fails to disclose a method for controlling transfer of a call signal from one base station to another including the step of commencing a handover operation if at least one of a measured field intensity level and a circuit quality value is below its respective threshold, and at least a default inhibit time has passed since a last handover operation, and when the handover operation fails to transfer the call, increasing the default inhibit time, as set forth in claim 14. Balachandran further fails to disclose the method of claim 19, wherein at least one of a measured field intensity level threshold and circuit quality value threshold is lowered when a handover operation fails to transfer a call.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of this application and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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